Terrorist training camps in Pakistan

1048. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has now admitted that it was harbouring terrorist training camps on its soil;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pakistan Government had shut down a few militant training camps also arrested a few LeT leaders;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether these reports have been verified through our intelligence agencies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) On the 12th of February, 2009, Government of Pakistan admitted that elements in Pakistan were involved in the terrorist attack on Mumbai.

(c) and (d) Government of Pakistan announced on 15th January, 2009 that it has arrested 124 people who were promoting terrorism.

(e) and (f) Since similar steps have been announced by the Government of Pakistan against banned groups in the past, it would be premature at this stage to conclusively verify these steps.

Indo-US nuclear agreement

1049. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the nuclear agreement got the sanction of both the Houses of U.S.A. only when their Foreign Secretary of State wrote them that India had given an assurance in 2005 that it would not make any nuclear explosion in future;

(b) whether we are going to purchase atomic energy plant from U.S.A.; and

(c) if so, the number of such plants and the cost of each plant?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) and (c) It is the intention of the Government of India and its entities to purchase nuclear power units on mutually acceptable technical and commercial terms and conditions that enable a viable tariff regime for electricity generated, in a manner that takes into account affordability, sustainability of nuclear fuel resources and credibility of nuclear waste management, from other partner countries including the USA.